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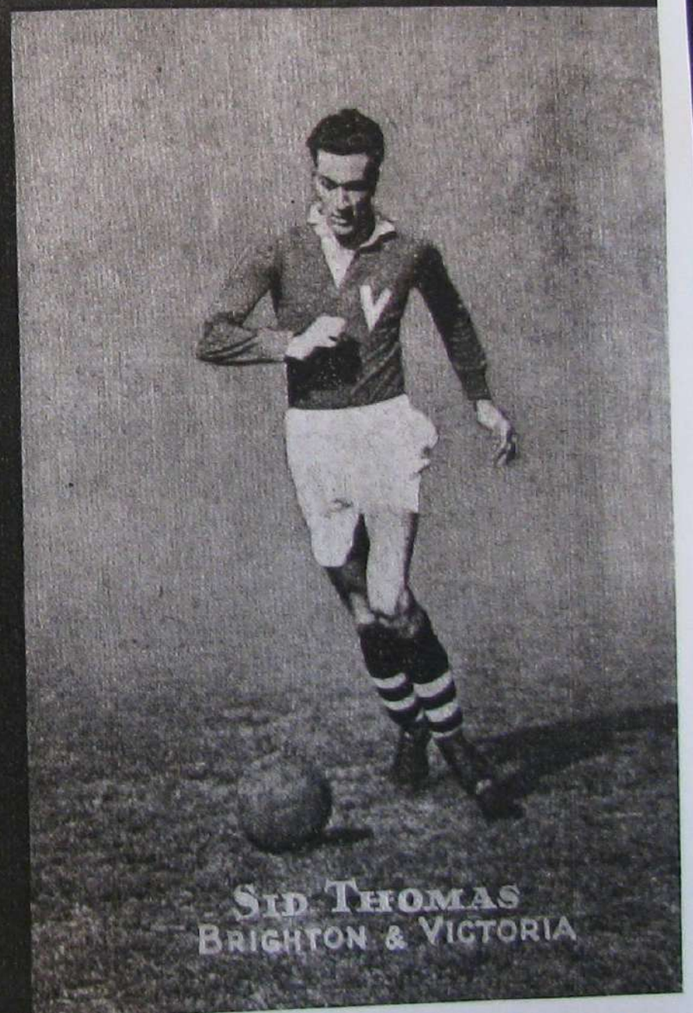

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SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL SOCCER IS "OUT"

The horrible exhibition of violence at Olympic Park last Sunday brought all soccer lovers up with a jolt. We do not intend to repeat here the details of the attack on the referee—all have been well and truly covered by the daily Press. But to all of us it must be apparent that no matter how keen we are to help the New Australian enjoy his Sunday afternoon, Sunday International Soccer is not the way.

The swift action of the V.A.S.F.A. Council in clamping down on Sunday International games will be applauded by all thinking people. Had the Association not done so, there is no doubt that the matter would have been taken out of the Association's hands.

The importance that the Council attached to the matter may be gauged from the fact that no less then three complete hours were taken up in the discussion at last Monday night's Council meeting. The meeting was attended by representatives of all Melbourne daily newspapers, the A.B.C., and 3AW.

Mr. J. GRAY (ground manager) gave a brief report of what had happened. He stated that the trouble was started by the Juventus team leaving the field.

Mr. F. LANG said that the trouble had been grossly exaggerated by certain sections of the Press, and strongly advised Council not to be carried away.

Mr. N. ROTHFIELD said that in his opinion the Press gave a fairly accurate report, except that the numbers stated were excessive. Jungle law must go from soccer. National soccer was no longer desirable and must be banned. Action also should be taken against Juventus as sponsors of the Italian team and the players involved.

Dr. C. WALKER said that there were big differences between actual happenings and Press reports. No blame was attachable to Juventus and the trouble could have happened to any team.

Mr. R. CARLSON remarked that the Italian team and spectators were in the wrong in differing from the referee.

Mr. D. HAMILTON said that he felt no blame was attachable to Juventus. Banning the Sunday International Committee was no solution. His club (South Melbourne United) had gone to a lot of expense to promote the "Australian" team in the competition.

Mr. E. LOWE said that there was trouble with "National" teams also in Saturday League games. Trouble had been caused time and time again by Juventus. The Juventus club itself should be banned from the competition.

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Editorial

All communications re Soccer News must be sent to The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham, S.8. by first post on Monday.

Any comment on last week's game cannot but be marred by thoughts of the revolting exhibition of animal savagery on Sunday at Olympic Park, but as there would still seem to be a solid body of soccer supporters who follow the game because they love the skill and thrill of it and not because it gives them an opportunity to throw rocks and break bottles, we will endeavor to forget Sunday and concentrate on last Saturday—at least as far as this column is concerned.

Biggest surprise of the day was Hakoah's defeat of Juventus—the first the Italian team has suffered in two years of League football. Almost as surprising was the heavy defeat of Moreland by Prahran, though the latter team has been making a run in the second round, and probably their Cup victory over Juventus has put their tails up.

The defeat of Yallourn by Box Hill, has put the Surrey Park team in a much better position after struggling in the relegation zone for the greater part of the season.

The position of the Yallourn team is a very serious one, for unless a miracle occurs they are headed for the Second Division next year. Such a prospect is a sad one indeed for the representative Gippsland team. The standard of football in Division II is considerably poorer that that in the major division and what is more, Second Division clubs, without the finance and following of the First Division sides may find it difficult to

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THERE ARE NONE SO BLIND . . .

By V. J. M. DIXON

Sometimes we like it—sometimes we don't—but, nevertheless, we must be honest. The "Argus" may criticise us—sometimes fairly—sometimes we say, unfairly, but nevertheless they give space to soccer.

We may have our fights—one columnist against another—sometimes we get a little heated, but it is all good publicity.

Some months back the "Argus" inaugurated a new policy. "Soccer," they said, "send us in your teams each week and we will publish them." Maybe it doesn't sound so much. But then, does any other paper do it for us? At the moment I can't think of any. Is the publishing of team lists of value to us, or is it just a waste of space? Personally, as a soccer man I feel it is a most progressive step. Look at it as you like, there is one point which sticks out. The "Argus" thinks that soccer has such a solid following that its clubmen want to know who is playing each week. We feel that the "Argus" is right. We feel that the policy of clubs who do not think it is worth while to send in teams to the "Argus" on Wednesday night is a negative one, and is in keeping with the general policy of the same clubs, most of whom are heading smartly for the Second Division. Take note of this: Every Thursday each Aussie rules League team rings each daily paper and gives its team list and a report on club affairs. They do not wait for a reporter to ring all over town to get a list of a few players.

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Do we think baseball is on a par with soccer? It certainly is where club publicity is concerned. In fact, it leaves us for dead.

Table tennis is right on the "dot" when publicity is around. But is soccer? What happened when we asked soccer clubs why they do not phone in teams? "Oh," said one, "we do not pick our team until Thursday." Said another, "We might have to change our team at the last moment."

These contingencies occur in any sport. But unless teams are sent in they cannot even be right—let alone wrong. Commonsense dictates that you send in your team. You know well enough what it will be, barring injuries. Any changes will be taken care of at the ground.

Now the "Argus" has stated, "Unless ALL clubs send in their teams, we are cutting out team lists altogether." We can only believe that they mean it.

Is that what we want? Are we so purblind that we think this publicity is unnecessary? Or are we prepared to admit that we have been wrong?

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SUNDAY SOCCER—Continued

Mr. V. DIXON said that this was a most urgent matter. The whole future of the game hung in the balance. Previously no one was more in favor of National teams than himself. Now he was no longer so. If the Council did not stop these occurrences, the Government would do so for them.

Mr. A. KERR said Sunday International games must go. National feelings had become too strong. It should be our policy to assimilate people into the Australian way of life, not to encourage them to form National groups.

Mr. J. PAUL remarked that National football had had its day. The work of this and previous Councils over a period of 50 years was not to be smashed by newcomers.

Mr. C. DODDS proposed that the Juventus club, as sponsors of Italy, should be banned from organised soccer. (Council felt that this would injure many innocent people.)

Mr. W. R. THOMAS (Chairman), summing up, said: "The Juventus club must take responsibility. National clubs have shown that they cannot 'take it.' The trouble lies in the National spirit creating feeling between teams. In the Saturday competition the position is better because of the mixture of races, instead of players in a team being all of one nationality. National clubs and players will not listen to referees. The banning of Sunday International football may not cure all our ills, but it will be a start. Melbourne City Council last year were promised action and that action had not been sufficient. Now further drastic action must be taken."

A motion by Mr. R. CARLSON that Sunday International Soccer should be suspended indefinitely, was carried by 14 votes to 1.

Those members voting in favor were Messrs. N. Rothfield (vice-president), J. Paul (vice-chairman), A. Kerr (treasurer), F. Lang (independent), J. Gray (Park Rangers), E. Lowe (independent), J. Rickerby (Junior Assn.), C. Dodds (independent), D. Hamilton (South Melbourne United), E. Lockwood (Peninsula Assn.), G. Hooper (Latrobe Valley Assn.), S. Horrobin (Moreland), R. Carlson (Junior Assn.), V. Dixon (Border District Assn.)

The only dissentient voice was that of Dr. C. Walker (Polonia).

A further motion was carried that the Juventus Club be fined £100 and that the players in the Italy team, who played on Sunday, 12/7/53, should be suspended until further inquiries had been made. On this motion no country member voted as the Chairman ruled that it was a disciplinary matter involving Melbourne players only.

It is to be hoped that this exhibition of mob violence will be the last that soccer will see in Melbourne. Brawls have occurred at other sports, but lately they have occurred far too frequently in soccer.

Decent people will hesitate to patronise a game where they and their wives and children may be involved in sudden exhibitions of violence and suffer possible injury.

Referees are hardly likely to consider conducting soccer games if they do not know whether they can expect to leave the ground alive.

By banning Sunday International Soccer the game may lose in some ways. Finance will be less, we know. But money is not everything and the soccer public will feel that a little less money and a little more sportsmanship may do more for the game than a competition which has ended over and over again in such exhibitions as that which occurred last Sunday.

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I quote from Law 7: "At half-time the interval shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee." When the man in the middle has to whistle repeatedly after 11 minutes, and the P.A. system has to be brought into play, the spectators at Olympic Park are led to believe that the teams are still absent without his consent. In former days I remember the ref. giving one peep outside the dressing-rooms on the way out to resume play and out came the teams very smartly, or else—.

THEY SEEM TO THINK OF EVERYTHING

Officials have stated that the rules of soccer were not designed to cover every contingency, yet one case covered by them I have never known to happen. That is, a player playing the ball a second time (outside of the penalty area), after having taken a goal-kick. The punishment is an indirect free-kick.

THEY CROWDED IN YEARS AGO

It is a misconception that Wembley alone has drawn the biggest crowds in England for a Cup Final. On three occasions before the Great War there were six-figure attendances at Crystal Palace. In 1913 over 120,000 packed in to see the Villa win. An obliging high kick by a Sunderland defender gave many of the crowd their one and only glimpse of the ball, and the following year the attendance dropped to 74,000. The "human sardines" had revolted, and the ground was never used again for a big match.

CLASS TELLS

It was not until 1938 that a team outside the First Division won the Scottish Cup, when East Fife did the trick in a replay.

SHAMATEURISM

While we carry out our "professional probe," I am reminded of the public statement made by the president of "Pegasus," the Varsity team that won the English Amateur Cup this season, that his team were the only amateur team that entered the competition.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Our practice of reversing fixtures half-way through the season is a good one. In England the games are arranged in much less regular fashion, and at holiday times it has been the case for teams to play on successive days against each other. One can imagine the remarks of a bruised player to his opponent on Christmas Day, "Wait till you play on our ground tomorrow, Chum." Here the regrettable desire for reprisals can cool off after 10 weeks.

SOMETHING THAT MONEY CANNOT BUY

When Andy Wilson first played for Scotland he was asked after the game what were his expenses, by George (now Sir George) Graham. "Expenses," he replied, "isn't the honor of playing enough?" Wilson was a respected player throughout his playing days.

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BY "CENTRE"

It is about time the Footscray Club did something about their ground, for one would have to go a long way to find one worse in the First Division. It appears as though the grass has been sown lightly on the surface and the wind has swept the seed together, and when it has grown, it has been in tufts, leaving bare patches between. A player has no chance of kicking properly, for the ball has "skewed" by the time his foot reaches it—not conducive to good football, as you must agree. Come on, Footscray; why not press your local council and get them to do a proper job on the ground.

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The Brighton Club has written to the F.A., supporting Harry Sutherland's application for reinstatement as an amateur, and they are confident they will receive the O.K. within the next fortnight. Brighton were the only club to take this action, when this matter was brought up by the V.A.S.F.A., although it is rumored, there are several more ex-professionals playing in other teams.

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As was promised last week, here is the list of leading goal-scorers in the First Division, and we hope to be able to publish it every two or three weeks. Our congratulations go to Prahran's centre-forward, P. Shipperheimer:—

Name	Club	Goals	Name	Club	Goals
P. Shipperheimer	(Prahran)	21	R. Develin	(Brighton)	11
D. Stoddart	(J.U.S.T.)	17	J. Overall	(Box Hill)	10
W. Copeland	(Juventus)	15	R. McKenzie	(Brighton)	8
R. Hardman	(Moreland)	12	Gattesman	(Hakoah)	8
P. Mulcahy	(Pk. Rangers)	12	R. Balabanski	(Brighton)	8
Saxelby	(Footscray City)	11	Muzzin	(Juventus)	8

It is the duty of the home club, amongst other things, to provide a ball, properly pumped up and laced, not soft and loosely laced. Brighton, please note.

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A certain measure of blame for last Sunday's disgraceful exhibition must be taken by the captain of the Italian team. If he had not called his players off the field, when the referee awarded an indirect free-kick against his team, it is certain their supporters would not have behaved in the disgusting manner they did. Spectators should not expect their team to win every game, and should take losses in a sporting manner. Some sober reflection by these people would not go amiss, for surely they must realise that they are doing the game more harm than good. It is only fair to say that quite a few of their committee tried to pacify them, and it is to be hoped in future that notice is taken of them.

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TASMANIAN TALKS

By BOB EASTERBROOK

SANDY BAY v. METRO

Once again Sandy Bay had to bow the knee to Metro, who, even without the services of Jack Acquaroff, played well to run out comfortable winners by four goals to nil. Harmsen had a field day, scoring the quartette. The Bay definitely require added punch to their forward line, and until this is remedied points are going to be hard to find. As of yore, Mann, Cooper and Lynch were Goliaths for the Bay. For Metro Harmsen was the schemer-in-chief—a valuable asset to his club, indeed a grand player, and a most likeable fellow.

SOUTH HOBART v. BRONTE PARK

This was a battle royal, with real soccer cast to the winds. First-time kicking, lusty clearances and hefty charging (nothing wrong in a hefty charge, provided it is committed in a legitimate manner). Of the 22 players on view, I give the glad hand to Alec Mackie. He was the architect of Bronte's downfall, followed by Kenna and "Greyhound Oakes." For Bronte Toal excelled. This "elusive Pimpernel," with better support, might have done some damage. As it was he ploughed more or less a lone furrow. Tulli was a grand keeper and it was unfortunate that he should lose a goal in the closing minutes—a goal which cost his side the game—but even so he made a valiant attempt to save Oakes' finishing efforts before being injured. Summing up, a draw would have been a true reflection of play, but goals count. South Hobart 3, Bronte Park 2. Goal-scorers: Oakes (2), Kouger; Bronte Park, Gardner, through own goal, and Cashman.

A.N.M. v. Caledonians result not to hand.

Mr. Drummond (manager) informs me that Bronte hope to have three teams next year, also new dressing-rooms with showers. Good business, eh!

Anonymous letters received at my private or business addresses are treated with mild contempt. If the writer has not the courage of his own convictions to sign his name and address, then he is not worth his salt. [Soccer News will not accept anonymous letters.—EDITOR.]

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travel to Yallourn. Here's hoping that the Gippslanders can still pull things out of the fire.

Polonia's defeat of South Yarra—the latter's first downfall this year—was a somewhat scrambling game with ill-feeling on both sides. Both centre-forwards were off the field by half-time and State goalkeeper, Czauderna, showed presence of mind both in goal and out. (On one occasion he ran an over-enthusiastic spectator off the ground by the scruff of his neck.)

In Division III, Coburg look like taking a tumble to Division IV at the season's end. Williamstown, defeated by Maccabi, has kept Coburg still only one point behind them, so the latter still have a chance.

Feature of the Fourth Division last week was the huge scores compiled by Hellenic (11) v. Heidelberg and Shell (12) v. Nunawading.

Slavia only managed to draw with the Police team, so Hellenic's goal average should now send them to the top of the tree.

Just to hand is the "gen" on the touring Chinese team, which plays its first game in Sydney today versus N.S.W.

There is no time to develop the subject this week, but we can expect to do so in our next issue, which will be larger. However, the team looks a strong one, and the manager, Mr. Kwok Ying Shu, is a well-known figure in Far Eastern sporting circles.

British ex-servicemen who played in Hong Kong in the post-war years will recognise many well-known names, including Yu Yiu Tak (goalkeeper), who has played representative football against no less than seven countries. The name of Hau Yang Sang (right-back), popularly known to service teams as "Flash Harry," will also ring a bell for many. Anyway, next month they will be in Melbourne and the game will be on.

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STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—PART 8

By TED PRIDGEON

During the War period (from 1915 to 1918-19) the Cup Tournament was suspended and was not revived until the season 1919-20. In the first post-war Final, Aston Villa beat Huddersfield Town, 1-0, before 50,000 spectators. By similar goal margins, Tottenham Hotspur defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers and Preston North End lost to Huddersfield Town in, respectively, the 1920-21 and 1921-22 seasons. (Preston, reaching the Final in 1922 for the first time since 1899, were the first team to lose the game through a penalty-kick goal!

On a January day in 1922 the Duke of York (late King George VI) cut a piece of turf in an undeveloped area in the London suburbs known as Wembley Park. Within 300 working days more than a quarter of a million tons of clay were removed at a cost of £750,000. Twenty-five thousand tons of concrete, one and a half thousand tons of steel, half a million rivets were brought in. On April 24, 1923, after the last seat had been screwed into place and a battalion of infantry had marked time on the terraces to test their strength, the great Stadium was ready. Four days later came its first Cup Final, between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United. The barriers were stormed by between 200,000 and 250,000 soccer-crazy enthusiasts. At a quarter to three King George V arrived—just when the confusion was at its height—and his presence helped to stem what might well have been a panic.

April 25, 1923! What a weird and wonderful afternoon it was. Here are three extracts from the diary of Sir John Squire in the "Observer":

"1.10. What a sight! This is two hours before the start, and except for a few reserved seats there doesn't seem to be even standing room for a single person more. A vast, curving elliptical basin. A hill of people all round and a clean rim far up cutting the sky, with a few small figures sitting on it where the flag posts are. What do their faces look like! Not flowers; they are too far off. They look like mounds of pink gravel. The Coliseum must have been like this. It appealed to the same sort of thing in the mob, but happily we have got the cruelty eliminated. What is that scurry at the west end? Now for the field glasses. A woman has fainted! There is another! And another! How can people bring women into such a crush?

"2.15. Why on earth don't these Wembley people close the gates? There isn't room for another soul, and yet they are still pouring in through

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Letters to the Editor

Readers are invited to send along queries, suggestions, etc., to the Editor. All will be given appropriate consideration.

Sir,—Now that the V.A.S.F.A. have set a precedent by debarring Alf Harriden from playing soccer because of his footrunning activities, it is to be hoped he is not a victim of circumstances and that all other well-known professionals will be treated with similar justice.

It will be unfortunate if Harriden is to be the "scapegoat" to satisfy our standing as an amateur organisation, as his soccer activities over the last 12 years have proved him to be a 100 per cent. clubman and a worthy product of Australian-taught soccer.

We all know the future of the game lies with our schoolboys and unless glaring anomalies which exist today are straightened out, our future will be hazardous. Whether the V.A.S.F.A. decides to continue as an amateur organisation or take the progressive step and accept professionalism is for our hard-working Council to decide. For the sake of progress and the harmonious integration of overseas players into Victorian soccer, it is imperative that the question of "Amateur" and "Professional" status be brought into the open and discussed on its merits.

This letter is not intended as a "squeal" over Harriden's disqualification, as both he and his club know full well the Association could take no other course of action. Instead, it is an appeal to our leaders to face the issue and, having made their decision, carry it out to its entirety. If we stay amateur, ruthlessly weed out all professionals; if we accept professionalism, do so quickly so that all clubs are on equal footing. Whatever is decided, it is only hypocrisy to shut our eyes to the fact that interstate players are transferring to Victoria to play soccer, and the unprecedented number of top-flight players who are transferring between Victorian clubs —even if a "change is as good as a holiday"—they aren't all in need of a holiday.—ANDY KYLE.

LATROBE VALLEY ASSOCIATION

TRIPLE TROPHY WINNERS OUT

Moe United, the new club, eliminated Morwell (present holders) from the Walter Ingram Cup, after an even game, by the odd goal in five, and will play A.P.M. in the final at Morwell on Saturday. If Moe United's captain (Bob Young) can hold McClusky, A.P.M.'s energetic centre-forward, and he can induce his own forwards to take a shot at the goal before they get to the six-yard line, the new club could upset the League champions. The game looks like being a thriller. The "gate" at Traralgon (Morwell v. Moe United) was the biggest for Latrobe Valley Association. A.P.M. v. Moe United should be better.—FRANK McIVER.

MOE UNITED

Following up on their achievement in becoming runners-up in the Latrobe Valley League, the Moe club appear set to win the final of the

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Walter Ingram Cup this Saturday at Morwell, against A.P.M. In the semi-final last Saturday at Traralgon they defeated the present holders (Morwell) 3-2, and despite the ground conditions, it was a very good, hard game with some lovely football played, mostly from the Moe boys, who had about 80 per cent. of the play throughout the game. A penalty kick, taken by Bob Young (capt.), opened the scoring for Moe after about 30 minutes' play. Morwell equalised before half-time. In the second half Hammond and Young combined well to make it a 7-man forward line, which resulted in the pressure being too great for the Morwell defence; it was only a matter of time before Collins put Moe ahead. Morwell came back strongly to equalise. In the closing minutes Collins out-jumped the tall Morwell keeper to head the winning goal.

Stars in the very strong Moe team were Erpin, Alexander, Young, Hammond, Collins, and the newcomer, Geiran. Take note, L.V.S.F.A. selectors. —"BYSTANDER." (Yes, Mr. Hooper, we also read the "Argus" report on the Latrobe Valley.)

BORDER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

The Wodonga v. Albury United game finished up a thrilling 2-all draw.

The largest crowd this season were on their toes from start to finish, and a large number of Australian Rules followers expressed their appreciation of the fine game.

Bereza and Dick were outstanding for Wodonga, and Rezuk and Todorovic for Albury United. Grac (Albury United) is without doubt the best goal-keeper seen in this area.

In the Junior match, Wodonga again proved too strong for Albury City and ran out winners by three goals to one.

Albury City were too strong for Central Workshops at Albury and ran out easy winners by 6-0.

Pallot, a 14-year old player, played a sterling game for Albury City on the right wing. Play throughout was hard and fast with Workshops goalie playing a grand game.

Mt. Beauty beat Bandiana, but no score is available. This is the second week in succession that Mt. Beauty have failed to ring through results. Wake up, there, Mt. Beauty, this is one of the reasons the up-to-date Premiership ladder does not appear in Soccer News.

TASMANIAN TABLES

NORTH-WEST TASMANIA ASSOCIATION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
A.P.P.M.	8	5	2	1	17	6	12
Celtic	9	5	2	2	15	10	12
Penguin	8	4	0	4	11	10	8
Tocal	9	1	0	8	9	26	2

SOUTHERN TASMANIA ASSOCIATION

as as July 11, 1953

First Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caledonians	11	8	2	1	49	18	18
South Hobart	11	8	2	1	31	19	18
Metro	11	8	1	2	42	16	17
Bronte Park	11	3	1	7	26	36	7
Sandy Bay	11	3	0	8	15	32	6
A.N.M.	11	0	0	11	9	47	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Hobart	9	8	0	1	38	12	16
Mt. Nelson	10	7	0	3	36	13	14
Caledonians	9	6	0	3	28	13	12
Zinc Works	10	3	2	5	16	24	8
Metro	10	2	2	5	16	34	6
University	10	1	0	9	9	43	2

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V.A.S.F.A. SECRETARY'S NOTES

Hakoah S.C.—

Please note that the day number of the Secretary, Mr. Defris, is now FB 3015.

Fourth Division Reserves—

All clubs please note that Moorabbin City, who took over the fixtures of Slavia Reserves, has now withdrawn from the Division. Clubs will therefore treat this fixture as a bye.

Team Sheets—

All clubs are reminded that official team sheets must be used for all games.

Alteration to Fixtures—

As the Chinese team will be playing in Melbourne on Saturday, August 22, no League matches will be played on that date. Matches listed for this date will now be brought forward and played on Saturday, August 8. The fourth round of the Dockerty Cup will also be played on August 8.

A full list of fixtures will be published immediately after the third round of both Cups have been played on Saturday, July 18. All Divisions will be affected with the exception of the First and Second Senior Divisions.

Soccer Broadcast—

The official soccer broadcast now heard every Saturday morning at 9.30 on Station 3UZ and compered by Tony Charlton, will include a "Query Corner" as from July 25. Listeners are invited to send their queries, comments and suggestions, which will be replied to in the broadcast. All aspects of the game will be discussed. This is your opportunity now to make this broadcast YOUR broadcast. Please address all letters to S. Beaton, 2 Clendon Road, Armadale, S.E.3, and in the top corner write "Soccer Broadcast."

—S. BEATON, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A.

STORY OF THE F.A. CUP—Continued

those entrances high on the mounds. One can see the stream of faces surging downwards, through the floods already there. There is a paling gone! The crowd has burst in. They are all over the ground now. Here come the mounted police. That ought to fix it! The Guards are enveloped on the green turf. A good band! We can't see them but we can hear the music.

"2.30. Our citadel has now been stormed and there are thousands of them, all covered with favors. They force their way through us, press on to the track and spread over the field. There is no field now; nothing but people in the bowl and the far people above them. . . ."

At last, some forty minutes later, the match was begun, with a human wall for the touchline. Bolton gained the honors with a 2-0 victory over their opponents.

The match itself seemed the least important of that extravagant afternoon. The first Wembley Final, indeed, had come to the very brink of being a major disaster, only British humor and a merciful Providence saving the situation. There was utter astonishment in the voice of a fiery Irishman who spoke to W. Pickford that same evening: "Not a pistol went off!" But if the casualties were surprisingly few, the lessons to be learned were many.

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Around the Clubs

ASTOR

On Saturday Astor entertained the League leaders (Fairfield) and defeated them, 8-1. Our players went on the field determined to play all out for a win, and although Fairfield scored the first goal, our centre-forward equalised five minutes later, and by half-time had scored another one, and Tommy Power also found the net.

After the interval Astor continually attacked and rarely was our keeper challenged. The calm day suited our players, with their long, swinging passes, and by the end of the game, Paul Spitue had scored 3, Tommy Power 3, and outside-left, Luis Wickman, 2. It was good,clean football by both sides.—LESLIE WOOD.

COBURG UNITED

An extremely interesting game at Frankston was highlighted by a brilliant burst of goal-scoring half-way through the second half, when Frankston registered 4 goals in six minutes to gain a two-goal lead over Coburg, which they maintained till the end of the match.

Coburg were in command for the greater part of the match, but could find no answer to the terrific burst by Frankston, which was greatly spurred on by the enthusiasm of the Frankston supporters.

At half-time Coburg held a lead of three goals to one, goal-scorers being J. Farrugia, W. Renfrey and L. Staffrace. Frankston held Coburg scoreless ni the last half and the four-goal burst enabled them to run out the winners. Final score: Frankston 5, Coburg 3.

FAIRFIELD

Once again Fairfield have struck winning form, although their win over University was not at all impressive. Fairfield had to replace three of their forwards owing to injuries received the previous week. Although the replacements played a great game, the co-ordination between backs and forwards was lacking. Most of the trouble was caused by the Shop's hard-

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bumping game. It is hoped the boys return to their true form in their match against South Yarra today. Let us see a game such as the Puckapunyal game, chaps; you can still do it.

HAKOAH

Hakoah received Juventus at St. Kevin's, still smarting from the previous week's defeat by J.U.S.T. Applying pressure from the first whistle, the Blue and Whites had the visitors floundering for most of the game. Only wretched forward work prevented the score from being much higher than the 1-0 result. Juventus was unlucky to have Bradley injured in the first half and finish the game hobbling along the left wing.

Bassi, nursing an injured ankle, again was fated not to take the field against his old club.

In a very one-sided curtain-raiser, Juventus Reserves ran rings around the home side to the tune of 6-1. They are almost certain to complete a premiership and Cup double.

UNIVERSITY

The University team has been having a very unsuccessful season this year, mainly due to the fact that no settled team could be found, due to the demands of studies upon most members of the team. Similarly, it has been found impossible to fix such training times, that everybody could attend.

Despite the fact that we have been unsuccessful so far this year, a few fine games have been played, such as against George Cross and Brighton. The club has been served best by Willee (capt.), Deacon (vice-capt.), Brown, Foxcroft and Hooi.

A pleasant interlude was the inter-varsity Carnival in Adelaide, where Melbourne was successful in winning the Challenge Cup. Scores were: Melbourne v. Sydney, 3-1; Melbourne v. Adelaide, 2-2 (after extra time); Sydney v. Adelaide, 1-1 (after extra time).

Goal-scorers for Melbourne: Hooi (3), Marr, Lee. Best players for Melbourne: Hoh, Wan, Hooi, Bowman, Deacon.—G. LUKSTINS.

Note: All correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, University Soccer Club, Melbourne University, Carlton, N.3.

UPPER YARRA DAM

Healesville earn our congratulations, although defeated in two social matches, which were much appreciated by this club. We are looking forward to playing Ballarat on May 25. We remind all clubs that we are anxious to arrange matches at any time.

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Junior Section

On Sunday, July 26, the Victorian State Under 20 team to visit South Australia in August, will visit Yallourn to play against a Central Gippsland team.

Mr. H. Batterham has been appointed manager of this team for the visit to South Australia from August 18 to 25, and Mr. A. Scott has been appointed coach. Fourteen players will make the trip.

On Saturday, July 25, when the Inter-Association games will be played at South Melbourne's ground, the Executive Committee has decided on the following times for the games:—

Under 14 game—12.45 p.m.
Under 15 game— 2.00 p.m.
Under 17 game— 3.15 p.m.

The Association has decided that July 25 will be a closed day for the Under 14 and Under 15 Divisions. Games in the Under 17 and Under 20 Divisions will be played as per fixture lists, but any club having three or more players selected in the Association's Under 17 team will have the right to apply to the Association for their game on that day to be postponed.

Club secretaries are advised that Under 17 games listed on the fixture lists for August 22 are to be brought forward to July 25.

On Sundays, July 19, August 2 and 9, a sports programme will be held by the Junior Association. July 19 will be for teams in the Under 20 and Under 17 age groups. August 2 will be for teams in the Under 14 and Under 15 age groups. Clubs are advised to have their club competitors at Olympic Park at 1 p.m. on each day.

The programme will comprise—100 yards (2 competitors per club), 220 yards (2 competitors per club), Relay (3 per club), Ball Dribbling (3 per club).

BRIGHTON UNDER 20's

Brighton completely overwhelmed Northcote H.S.O.B. to win 6-0 at Hurlingham Park. Two up at half-time, the home team ran wild in a 10-minute burst in the second half, to add 4 more goals. Goal-scorers were Finlay (2), Watson (fluke), Alexander, Young, Rankin. Brighton's half-back line gave nothing away and distributed well.—A. M. MITCHELL.

Shift Workers Wanted as Coaches

There is an urgent need for coaches to help in fostering soccer in the schools.

Shift workers and others with time to spare, who are willing to help in this direction, are asked to contact the V.A.S.F.A. Director of Schools Soccer, Mr. V. J. M. Dixon, 42 Nelson Street, Sandringham (MX 4134).

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LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 13, 1953

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	13	11	1	1	39	10	23
J.U.S.T.	13	10	0	3	46	23	20
Hakoah	12	7	2	3	36	17	16
Prahran	13	7	1	5	39	31	15
Moreland	13	6	2	5	32	22	14
Brighton	13	7	0	6	33	32	14
Box Hill	13	4	2	7	24	38	10
Footscray City	13	4	1	8	16	37	9
Yallourn	12	3	1	8	17	33	7
Park Rangers	13	0	0	13	14	53	0

Second Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	13	11	1	1	49	15	23
Polonia	13	9	3	1	47	11	21
Geelong	13	7	3	3	30	18	17
Sth. Melbourne	12	7	0	5	43	27	14
White Eagles	12	6	1	5	24	30	13
Sunshine United	12	4	3	5	19	30	11
Preston	13	4	1	8	21	45	9
Sunshine City	13	3	1	9	21	32	7
Sandringham City	12	3	0	9	21	46	6
F.N.D.	13	1	3	9	14	33	5

Third Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maccabi	13	9	2	2	36	17	20
Northcote	12	8	2	2	40	18	18
Fairfield	13	8	1	4	37	25	17
George Cross	12	7	2	3	39	20	16
Dandenong Rovers	13	5	4	4	31	16	14
Frankston	13	4	5	4	32	20	13
Moorabbin City	12	5	1	6	29	32	11
Williamstown	12	2	4	6	20	28	8
Coburg	13	2	3	8	22	43	7
University	11	0	0	11	6	63	0

Fourth Division

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Hellenic	12	7	3	2	68	18	17
Slavia	12	8	1	3	39	13	17
Slovakia	12	6	3	3	50	23	15
I.C.I.	12	7	1	4	18	13	15
Maribyrnong	12	7	0	5	38	25	
Nunawading	12	6	1	5	28	30	13
Victoria Police	12	4	1	7	43	27	9
Shell	4	4	0	0	28	4	8
Heidelberg	12	1	0	11	13	58	2
Union Jack	12	1	0	11	8	118	2

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES AS AT JULY 13, 1953

Under 20 Division

Sunshine United	12	9	2	1	43	11	20
Brighton	11	8	2	1	40	7	18
Juventus	11	7	1	3	30	16	15
Box Hill	11	5	1	5	18	19	11
Footscray City	11	5	0	6	18	33	10
Preston	10	3	1	6	12	22	7
Sth. Melb. United	11	3	1	7	15	29	7
Northcote H.S.O.B.	12	3	1	8	13	30	7
Sandringham City	11	2	1	8	10	32	5

Under 17 Division

Brighton	11	11	0	0	54	5	22
Sunshine City	12	8	2	2	33	11	18
Moreland	12	8	0	4	48	12	16
Prahran	11	8	0	3	44	13	16
Frankston	11	7	1	3	18	10	15
Box Hill	11	7	1	3	8	11	15
Sth. Melb. United	12	6	1	5	28	21	13
Nunawading	7	5	0	2	9	10	10
Preston	11	5	0	6	13	36	10
Polonia	9	4	0	5	16	20	8
Sandringham City	10	3	1	6	15	19	7
Moorabbin City	12	0	1	11	9	50	1
South Yarra	8	0	1	7	2	55	1

Under 15 Division

Sunshine City	12	12	0	0	56	1	24
Sth. Melb. United	13	9	2	2	56	10	20
Coburg United	13	8	0	5	26	19	16
Sandringham City	13	6	3	4	21	32	15
Sunshine United	12	5	3	4	29	9	13
Moorabbin City	13	6	0	7	32	22	12
Preston	12	4	1	7	13	28	9
Box Hill	12	3	1	8	12	61	7
Brighton	13	3	0	10	21	27	6
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	13	2	0	11	10	67	4

Under 14 Division

Box Hill "A"	12	11	1	0	90	2	23
Sunshine City	13	11	1	1	62	3	23
Brighton "A"	12	9	0	3	33	11	18
Essendon	12	9	0	3	30	18	18
Northcote	11	7	0	4	28	18	14
Prahran	13	7	0	6	37	27	14
Sth. Melb. United	12	5	0	7	26	31	10
Coburg United	13	4	1	8	9	51	9
Moorabbin City	9	1	1	7	4	29	3
Box Hill "B"	10	1	1	8	4	42	3
Brighton "B"	12	1	1	10	6	52	3
Park Rangers	11	1	0	10	2	47	2

TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
as at July 10, 1953

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Swinburne	8	7	1	0	26	4	15
Footscray	8	7	0	1	38	7	14
Preston	7	6	0	1	21	6	12
Oakleigh	7	4	1	2	20	9	9
Brighton	7	2	3	2	8	8	7
South Melbourne	8	3	1	4	19	24	7
Prahran	7	3	0	4	15	20	6
Collingwood	7	1	1	5	8	21	3
Box Hill	7	1	1	5	7	14	3
Caulfield	7	1	1	5	9	16	3
Richmond	7	0	1	6	6	36	1

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